

COMMENT SHEET - RESPONSES

TOPIC AREA	YOUR COMMENTS
<p>1. <u>ISSUES OF CONCERN</u></p> <p>What potential environmental or community issues concern you the most about the proposed connector?</p>	<p>12 = Access to Quaker Meetinghouse 5 = Protect historic church (Friends mtg.) 5 = Do not widen Rte 235 3 = Concern @ impacts to Woodlawn Plantation or stables 2 = Displaced residents 2 = Avoid historical areas and provide good traffic flow 2 = Traffic flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include ped/bike access • Do not consider an “interim” solution. • “Dogleg” at Old Mill/Rte 1. • Terrorist threat has been increased w/ congestion due to closure of Woodlawn Rd. • That the connector no longer exists. • Any delay to construction. • Lost personal time (2 hrs/wk) due to no connection. • Do not increase traffic on Rte 235. • Do not build on Woodlawn historic land. • Minimize impacts to fragile environment. • Favors 4- lane corridor C. • Children at play. • Does not relieve congestion elsewhere (Lockheed Blvd, Harrison Lane, S. Kings Hwy, or Telegraph Rd.) • Impacts on wetlands. • Obtain local consensus on alignment.
<p>2. <u>PAST USAGE</u></p> <p>A) Had you traveled often on Beulah Street or Woodlawn Road <u>before</u> they were closed to the public?</p> <p>B) If you did, why? (Check the two most used reasons)</p>	<p><u>4</u> No <u>29</u> Yes</p> <p>Estimated number of times per week:</p> <p>3 = 15-20 times per week 3 = 10-14 times per week 5 = 5-9 times per week 14 = 1- 4 times per week</p> <p>11 = Work 14 = Shopping 2 = School 17= Other (Other = friends, doctors, community events, recreation, personal, business, beltway access and 12=church)</p>
<p>3. <u>NEED</u></p> <p>A) Do you see a need to replace the lost access with another roadway?</p>	<p>A) Yes = 16 Maybe = 1 No = 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen Woodlawn, with upgrading to provide blast barriers. • Use existing Beulah St., entrenching it to provide blast protection.

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<p>B) If not, is there another means of replacement access you prefer, such as enhanced bus service?</p> <p>C) Would you expect to use a replacement facility regularly, if located near to the closed roads?</p> <p>D) What do you see as the biggest benefit from this project, if another connector road is built?</p>	<p>B)</p> <p><i>Open Lockheed Connector = 3</i> <i>Provide good/express bus service = 2</i> <i>Extend Metrorail = 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do not widen Rte 235 between Rte 1 and Mt. Vernon.</i> • <i>Do not impact plants and animals</i> • <i>Provide a monorail</i> <p>C) Yes = 13 No = 3 Don't know = 1</p> <p>D)</p> <p><i>6 = Improves cross county access</i> <i>6 = Sees <u>no</u> benefit</i> <i>4 = Provides/improves access to Friends Meeting House</i> <i>3 = Improves public safety</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reduces traffic on Telegraph</i> • <i>Relieves congestion</i> • <i>Improves local economic conditions</i> • <i>Rte 1 has enough intersections</i> • <i>Contractors</i>
<p>4. <u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u></p> <p>How did you hear about the meeting? Check all that apply</p>	<p>2 = Advertisement in <i>Washington Post</i> 4 = Postcard 7 = Advertisement in <i>Mt. Vernon Voice</i> 0 = Project Website 2 = Advertisement in <i>Examiner</i> 6 = Agency Notification</p> <p>20 = Other (<i>Mt. Vernon District Town Mtg 2/5/05; Friends (Quaker) Mtg.; Supervisor notification; email; homeowner assn. contact; friend</i>)</p>
<p>5. <u>ALTERNATIVES</u></p> <p>As preliminary alternatives are reviewed and other alternatives considered, what do you see are the <u>two</u> most important considerations for the project planning staff?</p>	<p>22 = Avoid impacts to historic resources 9 = Avoid wetlands 8 = Avoid residential impacts 7 = Provide turning lanes to/from Route 1 and Telegraph Rd. 6 = Minimize construction costs 5 = Avoid parks 3 = Conform to Fort Belvoir Master Plan 2 = Avoid impacts on businesses</p> <p>9 = Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protect access to historic Friends meeting house (5)</i> • <i>Minimize congestion on Telegraph & Rte 1</i> • <i>Straighten Old Mill @ Rte 235</i> • <i>Build it as soon as possible</i> • <i>Reopen Beulah/Woodlawn to avoid 'new' impacts</i> • <i>Open Bole <sic, Pole> Road gate to the Fort</i> • <i>Provide ped/cycling facility</i> • <i>Protect churches (4)</i> • <i>Resident displacement</i> • <i>Impacts of Army Museum</i> • <i>Protect horse farm</i> • <i>Protect Rte 235</i> • <i>Protect frog species</i>

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6. FACILITY AMENITIES

Do you think bike trails, sidewalks, or other amenities should be included in the design of a connector roadway?

Why?

19 = Yes, should be included.

3 = Yes, unless a security issue.

4 = Only bike trail, no sidewalks

- No, security of base
- Include walking path
- Sidewalks (only) where R-O-W is available

WHY?

- Would benefit those who prefer not to drive.
- Many physically active residents would use them.
- Encourage exercise.
- Allows a “more human scale” to the project.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are underserved in Fairfax County.
- Needed for safety in the event of vehicle breakdown.

OTHER COMMENTS

Location-Related

- Supports Corridor C.
- Align Old Mill Road opposite Rte 235.
- Consider Woodlawn Road @ Rte 1 as terminus, connecting then to B or C.
- Supports Beulah/Woodlawn with security measures, similar to Rte 110 at the Pentagon.
- Consider all alternatives in Part 5 <?>.
- Rebuild Beulah Rd in-place (with blast protection); it shortens NEPA, too.
- Reopen Beulah.
- Reopen Lockheed Connector.
- Avoid study of alternatives the Fort will not allow due to security concerns.
- Put Alt. #3 <sic,C?> to connect to Rte 1 via a new road above IMP bldg.
- Ease the access to the Friends’ meeting house (for their meetings) = 5.
- Provide a gate on Bole <sic> Road instead of the current gate at the Friends Meeting house.
- Close Woodlawn Road to public as well as DoD; only open to access Friends Meeting.
- Do not extend Route 619 (Old Mill Rd), but do extend Mt. Vernon Highway across Route 1.
- Do not widen/alter/rebuild Woodlawn Road, due to damage to Historic District.
- Create a deliberate “colonial history connection” to this area of Fairfax County.

Facility-Type Related

- Supports a Parkway concept w/ bike lanes or 10-foot separation to path
- Congestion is more a terrorist threat than <moving> traffic past ‘buildings’.
- Use flyover ramps at Telegraph Rd connection.
- Ensure (new) facility will always stay open.
- Construction of the Army museum will worsen congestion.
- Focus on public transit.
- Building new roadways only increases traffic.

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- *Housing along Old Mill Road is needed and should not be displaced.*
- *Do not impact environment, historic sites, etc.*
- *Protect the Friends Meeting house, its access, its site, its integrity with Woodlawn Historic District.*
- *Consider all historic resources.*
- *Protect Quaker Potter Hill cemetery on Telegraph Road.*
- *Initiate Section 106 coordination with SHPO.*

Public-Review Related

- *Have Supervisor arrange citizen representation = 2*
- *Include 3-4 citizens on committee.*
- *Identify and include public stakeholders.*
- *Include Mt. Vernon Council of Community Associations w/ stakeholders.*
- *Add National Trust as a stakeholder.*
- *Do not need citizen representatives given agency and elected official representation.*

Miscellaneous

- *This study should be an EIS not an EA.*
- *Continued congestion might force commuters from cars into buses.*
- *Reevaluate # of traffic lights on Rte 1.*
- *Close all gates to Fort off Rte 1 if it is so susceptible to attack.*
- *Looks like past study was time wasted, and back to starting point.*
- *How to control speeders? Too many on Telegraph Rd now.*
- *Not enough notice for meeting.*
- *Good presentation.*
- *Amend the Fairfax County Transportation Plan to make the Connector extend Telegraph Road to Mt. Vernon Highway, and to, in turn, keep Telegraph Road only 2-lane from Piney Run.*

Number of comment sheets:

19 Forms completed at the Public Information Meeting on February 17, 2005
16 Forms sent by mail and received by EFLHD-FHWA by end of March, 2005.